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Adopt A Ship Program

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The ADOPT-A-SHIP PLAN dates from the same period as the Merchant Marine Act of 1936. First introduced through The Propeller Club of the United States, it was turned over to The Women's Organization for the American Merchant Marine in 1937. The Propeller Club again sponsors and administers the Plan, as it has since 1958. The Plan provides the opportunity for a school classroom (5th-8th grade) to adopt a ship of the American Merchant Marine and exchange correspondence with it.

The purpose of the Plan is to teach YOUNG AMERICA, the citizens of tomorrow, the need for an educated American Merchant Marine for domestic and foreign shipping. The term Merchant Marine embraces not only the fleet of ocean and coastal vessels, but also those on navigable rivers, lakes, bays and sounds, as well as harbor craft.

In addition to patriotic applications, the Plan fosters interests in geography, history, transportation, foreign and domestic trade, science, math, and English. It affords children an outlet for natural interest in the sea and teaches them something of the staunch character of the men and women of the American Merchant Marine.

Our first step in the ADOPT-A-SHIP PLAN is to contact the Adopt-A-Ship companies active in the American Merchant Ma-

rine to obtain the company list of ships, which will participate in the Plan. The captain of each ship assumes the responsibility for answering the correspondence from a school classroom personally or through his or her officers or other crewmembers.

The captain decides whether or not other personnel take part in the Plan. When a student's letter pertains to a particular department, it is generally answered by those in charge of the department. However, all correspondence from the ship is usually supervised and signed by the captain and sent to the pupil in care of the teacher who is responsible for the school project.

Teachers and pupils must notify The Propeller Club of their interest in adopting a ship. An application for participation must originate with a teacher. No individual pupil is allowed to adopt a ship. When a teacher writes to The Propeller Club for a ship adoption, the following information **MUST** be included for our records:

- Full name of teacher
- Name and address of school
- Classroom grade number
- Number of pupils in the class
- Subjects to be associated with the correspondence in classroom study.



Glenfield Elementary School, Glenfield, NY
With Capt. Garvan, SEALAND LIBERATOR

Correspondence from the school will begin in September, immediately after a ship is assigned. The teachers and students involved are encouraged to develop the program to suit their educational needs.

Write:

Shannon Ponce, Propeller Club at Shannon@propellerclubhq.com

Or

Patricia Randall, Maritime Administration at pat.randall@dot.gov

All classroom teachers and ship operators are invited to participate in the 2005-2006 school year.

Register Now!

Follow the Voyage

Exciting opportunities to follow a maritime cadet's experience aboard ship:

California Maritime Academy

<http://www.csum.edu/vctsgb05/>

Maine Maritime Academy

<http://cruise.mma.edu/>

Massachusetts Maritime Academy

<http://www.maritime.edu/L3.cfm?pageID=5003&parent=0>

Texas Maritime Academy

<http://www.tamug.edu/corps/cliPPERreport2003.html>

Great Lakes Maritime Academy

<http://www.nmc.edu/maritime/programs/sea-projects.html>